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1 [ASNC Candidate Workshop 2/15 11am-1:30pm](#)

Wed Feb 12, 2014 11:19 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

All Region 8 Neighborhood Council candidate are welcome at ASNC's "SHOW US SOME LOVE" Post-Valentine Candidate Workshop.

Candidate Workshop
February 15 - 11am to 1:30pm
Ramona Hall
4580 N. Figueroa St.

Refreshments include:
Fresh Fruit
Red Velvet Cupcakes
Chocolate Lava Cake
from Fresco Community Market

Neighborhood Council members will be there to answer questions. The Region 8 Independent Election Administrator Jay Handal will also provide orientation--and sign you up to be a candidate.

Positions open are listed here: <http://empowerla.org/asnc/arroyo-seco-nc-2014-elections>
<http://empowerla.org/asnc/arroyo-seco-nc-2014-elections> in addition to candidate requirements.

Deadline to file is March 12. Don't put this off--there's not much time. The election is April 26.

This workshop is designed to answer all your questions about what it means to serve on a Neighborhood Council, plus give you a very convenient, friendly, local sign-up process.

Region 8 Neighborhood Councils are:
Arroyo Seco, Historic Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, LA-32, Greater Cypress Park, Glassell Park, Eagle Rock.

Info contact election@asnc.us <mailto:election@asnc.us>

NC members, please RSVP to let us know you will be helping answer questions!

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2 [Mayor Garcetti's Strategy Session on Veterans Affairs](#)

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Dear Community Leaders:

I'm forwarding this vital event information presented by the Mayor's office of Veterans Affairs, please feel free to share this announcement with your community contacts.

The Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti invites you to strategy sessions focused on:

Veterans Employment & Education
February 11th, 2014
2:30-4:30pm
Goodwill Southern California, Mitchell Auditorium
342 San Fernando Road. Los Angeles CA, CA 90031

Veterans Housing & Homelessness
February 13th, 2014
9:30am-11:30am
West Los Angeles VA
Multipurpose Room 1281, Building 500
1301 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90073.

Veterans Mental & Physical Health
February 18th, 2014
9:30am-11:30am
Patriotic Hall, Nimitz Room
1816 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles CA 90015

The strategy sessions will be hosted by the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs. Each strategy session will have break out groups in order to facilitate a group discussion on how to address specific issues pertaining to Veterans & Military Families in the City of Los Angeles.

Your feedback will be greatly appreciated as we move forward in creating a comprehensive strategy to more effectively support the LA military community.

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Rita Hilton of Abby's Diner in Eagle Rock | Nathan Solis

By Nathan Solis

Rita Hilton's voice carries across the room at Abby's Diner in Eagle Rock. Her brand of hospitality is familiar even if you've never met her before. She makes the tiny restaurant feel like a home. Hilton was a singer for a brief time out of high school and though she toured, she decided on making a home for her family. When she's not waiting tables at Abby's or taking care of her children, she's playing pool, or playing parties as a clown for hire.

Hilton grew up in Glassell Park, though she spends most of her time in Eagle Rock at Abby's. If it wasn't for her there would be no diner atmosphere, as she is the ultimate cheerleader for burgers and fries.

What do you learn about people when you're serving them food?

I learn about their personalities, about them as individuals. They're usually nice to me, because I'm bringing them food, but also because I present them with a smile. Treat them like I want to be treated.

How would you say you came up with your personality?

I've always been like this. It was my sixth grade teacher, who I am still close to that taught me manners. She was my mentor at Fletcher Drive Elementary in Glassell Park. She's retired now, but she went to my 50th birthday party. She taught me everything.

You had a singing career right out of high school? Why'd you stop?

In high school for six months I traveled around. I still sing once in a while. I wanted to provide the right tools for my kids, and I couldn't do that on the road. Now I'm providing something for them.

What were you like as a child?

I was a tomboy. I played volleyball, softball, basketball, track. I was very competitive, and now I play pool.

What do you think makes a diner inviting to customers?

Friendly and clean atmosphere. When the people come in we want to make sure that they will be liked and we want to make sure we make them a real diner burger.

When was the last time someone was hospitable to you?

Last night at my birthday. It was real nice. I usually don't remember my birthday, and my teammates got me a cake and sang to me. And they knew that my pool cue broke, so they bought me a new one.

Five Questions poses the questions you've always wanted to ask. Want to know more about people in your neighborhood? Send suggestions to hello@TheEastsiderLA.com Nathan Solis is a Highland Park resident who writes about and photographs the L.A. music scene. You can find more of Solis stories, reviews and photos at Smashed Chair.

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Temporary hands have been attached to the statue with wire.

The long-neglected statue of Florence Nightingale in Lincoln Park has gotten a lot of attention in the past week. Last Thursday, The Eastsider pointed out how the nearly 80-year-old statue that honors the champion of modern nursing remained damaged while other landmarks in the park were undergoing a facelift. Then, L.A. Times columnist Steve Lopez weighed in over the weekend with a piece on how the Western Conservancy of Nursing History at Azusa Pacific University has offered to restore the statue but only if it can be move it to the school's campus in the San Gabriel Valley. The city has turned down that request even though it has not bothered to perform major repairs to the statue since 1999, according to The Times. Now, Councilman Gil Cedillo has stepped into the issue, requesting that the city's look into restoring and protecting the graceful albeit battered statue.

A City Council motion introduced by Reyes says that moving the piece of public art to Azusa is not the answer. "We need to find a way to finance the restoration and protection of this statue," says the motion, which if approved would direct the city's Cultural Affairs Department to look into ways to repair and protect the statue while keeping it in Lincoln Heights.

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5a [Northeast Community Newsletter](#)

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Let's take care of our community!

Highland Park Community Cleanup!

Saturday, February 15th
9:00AM-11:00AM

Meet at the corner of Ave. 50 & York Blvd.

Councilmember Huizar, in partnership with the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood

Council, the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, and the North Highland Park Neighborhood Watch, invites you to participate in the York Boulevard Community Cleanup! Meet at the future York Park site on the corner of Ave. 50 and York Blvd. Please arrive on time. Cleanup tools and refreshments will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! Special thanks to Café de Leche, El Super, Las Casas Realty, Digicolor Printing, and Franklin High School and Burbank Middle School.

Please don't hesitate to call Councilmember Huizar's Northeast field office with any questions. You can reach us at (323) 254-5295.

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6 COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT ON GLENDALE/HYPERION BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJE

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Atwater's Neighborhood Council / Government Relations Committee is seeking input from bona fide stakeholders on three draft proposal for the Glendale-Hyperion Bridge Project. Input can be provided via a comment card (see link below). For more information contact the AVNC at board@atwatervillage.org.

Click here to download Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Improvement Project Comment Card (PDF File)

<http://friendsofatwatervillage.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Glendale-Hyperion-Bridge-Comment-Card-20140209-2035.pdf> <http://friendsofatwatervillage.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Glendale-Hyperion-Bridge-Comment-Card-20140209-2035.pdf>

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7 Donor who broke campaign finance law in 2010 faces \$45,000 penalty

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By David Zahniser

February 10, 2014, 12:48 p.m.

A San Fernando Valley businessman who admitted to illegally reimbursing campaign contributors during the 2011 municipal election faces a \$45,000 fine from the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

Juan Carlos Jaramillo, 52, has already agreed to pay the proposed penalty, which stems from his fundraising activities for Rudy Martinez, who lost to City Councilman Jose Huizar in a Boyle Heights-to-Eagle Rock district.

The Ethics Commission must decide Thursday whether to impose the fine or seek a different sized penalty. Jaramillo has admitted that he reimbursed donors to Martinez, a practice known as campaign money laundering, bypassing the city's contribution limits. In 2011, donors were limited to \$500 per council candidate.

Jaramillo, who has an advertising company in Mission Hills, said he did not know that his actions were illegal until it was too late. Asked why he made the reimbursements, Jaramillo said he was "trying to look cool" by showing that he was a "rainmaker" for the

Martinez campaign.

"When I learned that I was breaking the law, I testified and took full responsibility for my actions, which I'm very sorry for," he said. "I totally, royally screwed up and ... I would advise people to stay away from any political [activities] without knowing what you're doing."

Ethics Commission investigators concluded that in 2010, Jaramillo provided full or partial reimbursement to 18 donors to Martinez. Of that total, 11 were employees of his company, which goes by the name Financial Success, according to the commission report. Jaramillo said his company provides marketing, promotions and other services to the law office of former Councilman Nick Pacheco, who lost to Huizar in 2005.

More than three years ago, a former employee of Pacheco's firm contacted the district attorney about Jaramillo's campaign activities. Carlos Lira, the former employee, said Jaramillo provided him and his wife partial reimbursement for donations they made to Martinez. Lira said he and his wife feared they would lose their jobs in Pacheco's office if they declined to write a check to Martinez.

In 2010, Martinez returned \$6,000 in contributions affiliated with Jaramillo after receiving a letter from the Ethics Commission asking about the donations. Martinez, who has appeared on the home-renovation television show "Flip This House," said Monday that he had no knowledge at the time that Jaramillo had been reimbursing donors.

Jaramillo said Monday that Martinez had no knowledge of the reimbursements during the campaign.

Under the city's laws, Jaramillo could receive a maximum fine of \$90,000. Ethics officials proposed half that amount because Jaramillo is a first-time offender who cooperated with their investigation.

"Jaramillo has saved significant commission staff resources by entering into this stipulated settlement at an early stage in the investigation," the report to the commission states.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ethics-fine-20140210,0,3418210.story#ixzz2tBQDChRq>

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